

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

RIP CURRENT AWARENESS WEEK

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to National Weather Service and U.S. Lifesaving Association records, there have been at least 22 fatalities due to rip currents along the North Carolina coast since 2004; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Lifesaving Association, more than 2,100 people have been rescued from rip currents by lifeguards along North Carolina beaches since 2004; and

WHEREAS, millions of North Carolina citizens and visitors enjoy the ocean beaches each season, and inexperienced swimmers on unguarded beaches need to be especially aware of the hazard of rip currents; and

WHEREAS, people are more likely to protect themselves when they know what to do when they are affected by rip currents; and

WHEREAS, lifeguards, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Sea Grant and National Weather Service, and concerned citizens continue to promote rip current safety with signs, rip current forecasts, and other educational programs; and

WHEREAS, June 1-7, 2008, has been designated National Rip Current Awareness Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 1-7, 2008, as "**RIP CURRENT AWARENESS WEEK**" in North Carolina and call upon our citizens and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate activities that promote awareness of rip currents and how to stay safe.



MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fifth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.